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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

One Man Report on Assassination

By Drew Pearson

Rep. John R. Pillion (R-N.Y.) recently tried to beat the Warren Commission to the punch by releasing his own findings on who killed President Kennedy. It's an interesting document.

The GOP Congressman, a neighbor of of vice presidential aspirant Bill Miller in the Buffalo area, is certain his fellow Republicans on the Warren Commission are all wet and that Lee Oswald was part of a Moscow-hatched conspiracy. He accuses the Warren Commission and high officials of a "conspiracy of silence" to protect Communists.

In view of the imminence of the Warren report, and Pillion's attempt to undermine it, a look at the Congressman's background may be significant. Here is part of it:

He predicted, 1953, that "four Soviet agents would sit in the U.S. Senate if Hawaii and Alaska were admitted to the Union."

He introduced a resolution, 1962, to have the State Department abolished.

He attacked the Antarctic Treaty of President Eisenhower, 1958, and personally



visited the South Pole looking for two Communists.

He failed to join former President Eisenhower and other Republican leaders in attending President Kennedy's funeral.

It should be noted that Pillion is the darling of the Buffalo emigres from Hungary, the Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, etc., who inspired John Foster Dulles to deliver his much-regretted 1952 pledge implying that Gen. Eisenhower would deliver Poland, Hungary and other countries from behind the Iron Curtain. Pillion, himself a Hungarian, changed his name, but is extremely close to the exiles who have been feeding alarmist reports through Ed O'Connor, formerly of Buffalo, to Rep. Mike Feighan, the rabble-rousing Congressman from Cleveland.

Perhaps the most important backstage factor in Pillion's attempt to undermine the Warren Commission, however, is the fact that he himself faces a tough re-election battle from a live-wire young Democrat, Richard McCarthy.

Republicans on the Warren Commission are: Chief Justice Earl Warren, Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, Allen Dulles, John J. McCloy and Rep. Glenn R. Ford of Michigan, all men of integrity.

Fooled the Voter

Goldwater workers in California are disguising themselves as "nonprofit" poll takers in a secret move to switch conservative Democrats without the latter catching on. The operation has the lofty name "Opinion Analysis," but the questions asked aren't nearly as interesting as the confidential instructions given the workers. "Introduce yourself as an opinion analysis survey worker. Not a Republican precinct worker. Read the instructions. Casual clothes are best, no suits or ties. If anyone asks, you are going to 'selected' or 'random households, not Democratic households. Do not reveal you know their name. Do not show your walking (instruction) sheet to anyone."

The project has been launched on an ambitious scale in Los Angeles in an effort to help the Goldwater-Miller ticket and defeat Rep. James Corman and other Democrats. Idea is to compile a big list of conservative Democrats — from questions asked—then to work on them with anti-Johnson literature and personal calls.

Questions include loaded ones against foreign aid and the Supreme Court. Another is: "Do you think the Communist Party is a bigger threat to our Democracy than the John Birch Society?"

Two others are: "Do you

think the size of the Federal Government is a threat to

your freedoms?" and "Do you think an owner should have the right to refuse to sell or do business with a Negro, because he is a Negro?"

"Please remember, these questions are not designed to be fair questions, nor are they designed to make people think like Republicans," says the instruction kit. "They are designed to ferret out the hard-core conservative Democrats. . . . This operation is not a sample or guide to a campaign. It is the campaign. Every voter you find is pure gold."

LBJ—All the Way

Clare Boothe Luce, blond former ambassadress and wife of the Time-Life-Fortune magnate, was talking to Premier Papandreu of Greece at the royal wedding reception when she spied Boston businessman Tom Pappas, one-time GOP finance chairman for New England.

"I want you to know one of the best Republicans in America," Mrs. Luce introduced Pappas.

"Was," corrected Pappas, "But not now. Now I am for Johnson."

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Drew Pearson will predict the new troubles ahead for Rep. Miller over the Lockport Felt Co. over Radio WTOP at 6:40 p.m.